Remarks

Support for claim 1 as amended

Claim 1 as amended reads as follows:

> 1. (currently amended) A graphical user interface for specifying an action on awhich modifies a value of a field of a record stored in a memory device. the action, once specified, being thereafter automatically performed when a query with which the action is associated returns the record, the query being executed on a processor that has access to the memory device and interacts with the graphical user interface, and
> the graphical user interface comprising:
>> a window containing a table wherein the field of the record has an entry that is selectable by the user, the entry including
>>> a first field of the entry that identifies the field of the record to be acted-modified by the actionon; and
>>> one or more action fields of the entry that, when the user has selected the entry, the user may set to specify the action.

As amended, the claim sets forth that the action specified using the graphical user interface *modifies a value of a field of a record* and that *the action, once specified, [is] thereafter automatically performed when a query with which the action is associated returns the record.* Support for these characteristics of the specified action may be found at least in FIG. 5 and the section *Details of processing a PR Record,* beginning at page 41, line 10 of the Specification as filed. Claim 1 as amended is thus fully supported by the Specification as filed.

Patentability of claim 1 over the references

While the amended language is primarily in the preamble of the claim, the amendment more closely defines the claim term "action", which appears in the body of the claim in the description of the "first field" and the description of the "second field". The amended language of the preamble is thus effective to further limit the body of the claim.

In Examiner's final Office action, Examiner found that FIG. 1 of Texier showed every element of claim 1 except the "one or more action fields". In his rejection, Examiner dealt with the "query" recited in claim as follows: "it being implicit that a query will execute via a processor/memory and interact with the GUI window …" As pointed out in

Applicant's traversal, the "EMPLOYEE INFORMATION [window] is simply a screen in which data may be input to or read from fields of a record in the DATA BASE, depending on the menu selection in the BASE FILE window." Labels in the screen (not names of fields in the record being read or modified) indicate what the fields to be filled in or read mean. The EMPLOYEE INFORMATION window is simply not used to specify an action which, "once specified, [is] thereafrer automatically performed when a query with which the action is associated returns the record". In the EMPLOYEE INFORMATION window, the fields of the record are modified interactively, not automatically and they are modified immediately, with any query which retrieves the record being read or modified necessarily taking place *before* the user reads or modifies the record's contents.
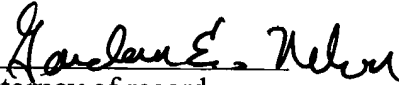
There is thus nothing at all in Texier corresponding to Applicant's graphical user interface, in which an action is specified which "modifies a value of a field of a record" and the action, "once specified", is " thereafter automatically performed when a query with which the action is associated returns the record". What is needed to specify such an action is exactly what Applicant's GUI offers, namely the "table wherein the field of the record has an entry that is selectable by the user" , a "first field of the entry that identifies the field of the record to be modified by the action", and "one or more action fields of the entry that, when the user has selected the entry, the user may set to specify the action".

Because Texier does not disclose a graphical user interface which has the "table" and "first field" limitations of the body of amended claim 1, the combination of Texier and Schultz cannot disclose all of the limitations of amended claim 1 and amended claim 1 is patentable over the references. Schultz adds nothing to Texier with regard to amended claim 1. In amended claim 1, the action specified by the "action fields" of the claim "modifies a value of a field of a record" and "once specified [is] thereafter automatically performed when a query with which the action is associated returns the record". There is simply no disclosure of *any* GUI in Schultz for specifying any kind of action or any kind

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of action that is performed in response to the return of a record by a query, let alone the actions set forth in amended claim 1.

A check for the $395.00 fee for the RCE accompanies this amendment. No other fee is believed to be required. Please charge any additional fees required for the amendment or refund any overpayments to deposit account number 501315.

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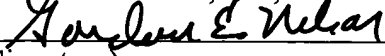Fax: (866)-723-0359
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